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Second-year print journalism student

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Missed out on the St. Pat's in Five Points fun? Check out our online slideshow of all the day's events.

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Check out highlights from Friday's SEC Tournament loss.

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Helder Pereira, a third-year geophysics student, works in Guatemala as part of the Methodist Student Network's service trip for an alternative Spring Break.

# USC service group helps in Guatemala

*Methodist Student Network provides aid, supplies to needy*

Josh Dawsey  
STAFF WRITER

They hammered through rocks with garden hoes, trying to build bathrooms for people who had never seen bathrooms in their church before. They treated people with medicine they'd never had access to before. And they spent days contracting stomach illnesses after eating food they'd never eaten before.

And they didn't get paid. In fact, they each paid \$600 for the opportunity.

While some college students spent their spring breaks on Florida beaches, 23 students from USC's Methodist Student Network traveled to Guatemala on the group's annual service trip. The group uses its spring break each year to help impoverished South Americans.

The group's work in Guatemala was three-pronged, said Rev. Tom Wall, the church's minister. Time was split between putting on a vacation Bible school for Guatemalan children, building and renovating a church in Guatemala and putting on medical clinics for rural Guatemalans.

Between 330 and 340 people were treated in the group's medical clinic, Wall said. The group brought along approximately 20 suitcases of medical supplies, and students helped the residents of rural Guatemala understand their medical conditions and how to properly treat them.

Brodie Wall, a first-year journalism student, said working at the medical clinics was the highlight of his trip.

"Going out into rural Guatemala and working with the people by telling them how to

take their medicine was my favorite moment," Wall said. "Everyone we met was very gracious and kind and would do whatever they could for us."

Rev. Tom Wall, the minister at MSN and Brodie's father, said the group spent much of its time renovating Sunday school classrooms, adding bathrooms and building a second floor on a Methodist Church in Santa Cruz, Guatemala. The dilapidated church needed a lot of repairs, and the economy of Guatemala didn't leave the group many of the needed tools.

"We had to break through a lot of rock with sub-standard tools, like garden hoes," said Rachel Wright, a third-year English student.

Wall said the experiences with the people made the trip worthwhile. Because they were previously unable to accomplish many of the things the mission group accomplished, the Guatemalans were very thankful for the work.

"Being with the people of Guatemala in a place where there's very little sort of American presence and getting to know them and sharing in their work was great," Wall said. "Meeting the people is the best part."

On the last night of the trip, the members of the church held a special worship service for the group, presenting each member with homemade embroidered cloths to express their thankfulness.

"It was so amazing to see how grateful the people were to us even though we were only there for a short time and even though they probably blessed us more than we blessed them," Wright said. "At the end, they told us that we were their family, their hermanas y hermanos, and that we would always have a home in Guatemala. It was really special."

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## Student nears end of chemotherapy in fight against cancer

*Pearson stays positive, promotes charitable outfits during illness*

Hunter Hardinge  
STAFF WRITER

Living life to its fullest. This is exactly the outlook third-year finance and marketing student Megan Pearson has after battling cancer since September.

"At first I was having eye problems as well as breathing problems," Pearson said. "Then after visiting the doctor they found a tumor the size of a softball on my trachea. I was lucky they found it."

Pearson discovered that she suffered from Hodgkin lymphoma, the most common cancer type among 20 to 30-year-olds. According to the National Cancer Institute in the United States there were 8,220 new cases of Hodgkin lymphoma in 2008. If it is caught early, it is more easily cured.

"I started chemotherapy right away, twice every month. I'm really tired afterwards. However, with all the chemotherapy the tumor was reduced to half its size by Christmas," Pearson said.

With all the chemotherapy and the stress of just being in college, Pearson needed the support of family and friends more than ever.

"My family, friends, professors and sorority sisters helped me get through this. Everyone really pitched in," Pearson said.

With Pearson just finishing her last chemotherapy treatment on March 6, there is nothing to do but wait a couple of weeks for a checkup. If the cancer is non-existent, then Pearson does not require any more treatment. However, if the tumor is still present then radiation therapy is the next step.

"The problem with



Courtesy of Megan Pearson

Finance student Megan Pearson has been battling cancer for seven months.

radiation therapy is there is not enough research out there about the long-term effects. It has only been used since 1990. For someone who is in their 70s to get the treatment is different than for someone who is my age to receive it," Pearson said. "It could increase my risk of breast cancer. This is why events like Relay For Life are so important in raising money and awareness."

Events such as Relay For Life help further research of treatments such as radiation therapy and possible cures.

"Most everyone knows someone who has survived cancer or has cancer right now. It is important that people understand that cancer is a problem that needs to be fixed," Pearson said.

Pearson has a different outlook on life now and realizes how important it is to help others.

"I would love to help others dealing with cancer. I hope that one day I can work for the Make A Wish Foundation helping children battling cancer. Even just volunteering at the hospitals or specking at events, it is important for me to share my own experience," Pearson said.

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# March for Meals sees record turnout

**5k Run and Walk at Riverbanks Zoo raises money for senior citizens, draws hundreds of participants**

Meagean Dugger  
STAFF WRITER

More than 900 people participated in the sixth annual March for Meals 5K Run and Walk held March 7 at the Riverbanks Zoo.

Official figures are not calculated until the end of the month, but Senior Resources, which organized the race to support its Meals on Wheels program, expects to raise more than \$40,000 to provide meals to housebound seniors in the Midlands.

Satch Krantz, executive director of Riverbanks Zoo said in a press release that Riverbanks is a proud sponsor of March for Meals.

"Without the Meals on Wheels program in our community many homebound seniors would not receive the daily nutrition necessary to lead a healthy life," Krantz said.

Annie Eveleigh, director of development and public relations at Senior Resources Inc., said that this was the best turnout for the race yet, with 356 finishers this year and 258 finishers last year.

Eveleigh added that of all the races that took place in Columbia over the weekend, she believes March for Meals had the best turnout due to the "absolutely gorgeous" weather.

The race began at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning



Courtesy of RiverbanksZoo.com

**More than 900 people walked through the Riverbanks Botanical Gardens in March for Meals, a race to help raise money for Meals on Wheels, which provides food to housebound seniors.**

and included two separate trails for runners and walkers.

Joe Tomlin was the first to finish the race, running the 5K in 17 minutes and 37 seconds. The first female finisher was Amber Hines, who ran in

20 minutes and 31 seconds. Each participant paid a registration fee, and all proceeds went to Meals on Wheels of Richland County.

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## CAROLINA BRIEFS

- A workshop for four fellowships for graduate study at various institutions in the United Kingdom will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Gressette Room, Harper College for students with superior record in academics, service and leadership. Contact Jennifer Collins in the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs at (803) 777-0958 for more information.
- Faculty members interested in Relay for Life can visit <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/uscfaculty> to get information, join the "Faculty Fighting Cancer" team or donate. For more information, contact the USC Relay for Life Faculty Advisor Henry Chappell at (803) 777-4940 or [chappell@moore.sc.edu](mailto:chappell@moore.sc.edu). The event will take place April 3-4 at the Blatt P.E. Field to raise money for cancer survivors and to honor cancer victims.
- If you are interested in joining the new session of Weight Watchers on campus, contact Melinda Poore at (803) 777-7602 or [mnpoore@moore.sc.edu](mailto:mnpoore@moore.sc.edu) for more information. The cost is \$98 and the class meets each Thursday on the 8th floor of the BA.
- Students currently enrolled at the University of South Carolina are invited to be considered for the Thomas Cooper Library Student Book Collecting Award, carrying a first prize of \$250. The collection may be in any field or may emphasize some particular area of interest within a subject. Materials submitted by entrants must be owned and have been collected primarily by them. Entries should be submitted by March 31 including: a brief essay, an annotated bibliography and a cover sheet.

## THIS DAY IN

# History

## March 16

**1751:** James Madison is born

**1802:** U.S. Military Academy established

**1850:** The Scarlet Letter is published

**1865:** Battle of Aversboro, North Carolina

**1916:** German Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz resigns

**1926:** First liquid-fueled rocket launched

**1945:** Fighting on Iwo Jima ends

**1953:** Baseball owners give Bill Veeck cold shoulder

**1961:** New Jaguar debuts

**1968:** My Lai massacre takes place in Vietnam

**1978:** Supertanker wrecks off French coast

**1985:** American journalist Terry Anderson kidnapped in Lebanon

**1988:** Reagan orders troops into Honduras

## PIC OF THE DAY



Kara Roache / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

First-year early childhood education student and trombonist Tessa Hill watched from the sidelines as the Gamecocks lost to Mississippi State in the SEC tournament.

### Local

**AIKEN** — Duke Energy's decision to end its contract to buy fuel for its nuclear reactors made in part with plutonium from surplus nuclear weapons leaves no customers for the South Carolina facility being built to manufacture the material, according to an environmental group.

Duke Energy allowed its contract to buy the fuel to expire Dec. 1, said Rita Sipe, a spokeswoman for the North Carolina-based utility.

The federal government plans to spend nearly \$5 billion to build a facility to open in 2016 that would dispose of 34 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium and create mixed-oxide fuel, commonly called MOX, at the Savannah River Site near Aiken. The 600,000-square-foot facility is about 15 percent complete.

Duke Energy's decision should raise questions about the MOX fuel program, Friends of the Earth spokesman Tom Clements told The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

"What that means, at least for right now, is that DOE has no reactors lined up to use MOX fuel," Clements said.

### National

**WASHINGTON** — The northeastern U.S. coast is likely to see the world's biggest sea level rise from man-made global warming, a new study predicts.

However much the oceans rise by the end of the century, add an extra 8 inches or so for New York, Boston and other spots along the coast from the mid-Atlantic to New England. That's because of predicted changes in ocean currents, according to a study based on computer models published online Sunday in the journal Nature Geoscience.

An extra 8 inches — on top of a possible 2 or 3 feet of sea rise globally by 2100 — is a big deal, especially when nor'easters and hurricanes hit, experts said.

"It's not just waterfront homes and wetlands that are at stake here," said Donald Boesch, president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, who wasn't part of the study. "Those kind of rises in sea level when placed on top of the storm surges we see today, put in jeopardy lots of infrastructure, including the New York subway system."

### World

**BAGHDAD** — U.S. troops will not be removed from areas of Iraq that are not completely secure or where there is a high probability that attacks could resume after the Americans leave, Iraq's prime minister said Sunday.

Nouri al-Maliki said in an interview with The Associated Press that he had told President Barack Obama and other top U.S. officials that any withdrawals "must be done with our approval" and in coordination with the Iraqi government.

"I do not want any withdrawals except in areas considered 100 percent secure and under control," al-Maliki said during his flight from Australia to Baghdad at the end of a five-day visit.

"Any area where there is a likelihood of a resumption of attacks, withdrawals from there will be postponed," he said.

The U.S.-Iraq security pact that went into effect Jan. 1 calls for U.S. combat forces to leave the cities by the end of June in the first step of a plan to remove all American troops from Iraq by the end of 2011.

— The Associated Press

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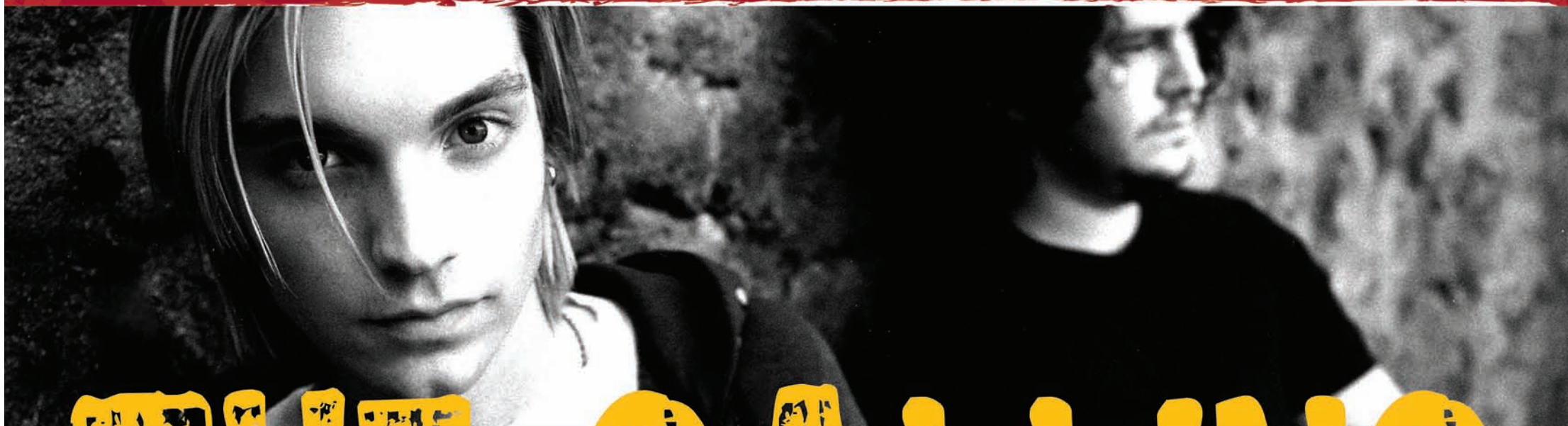
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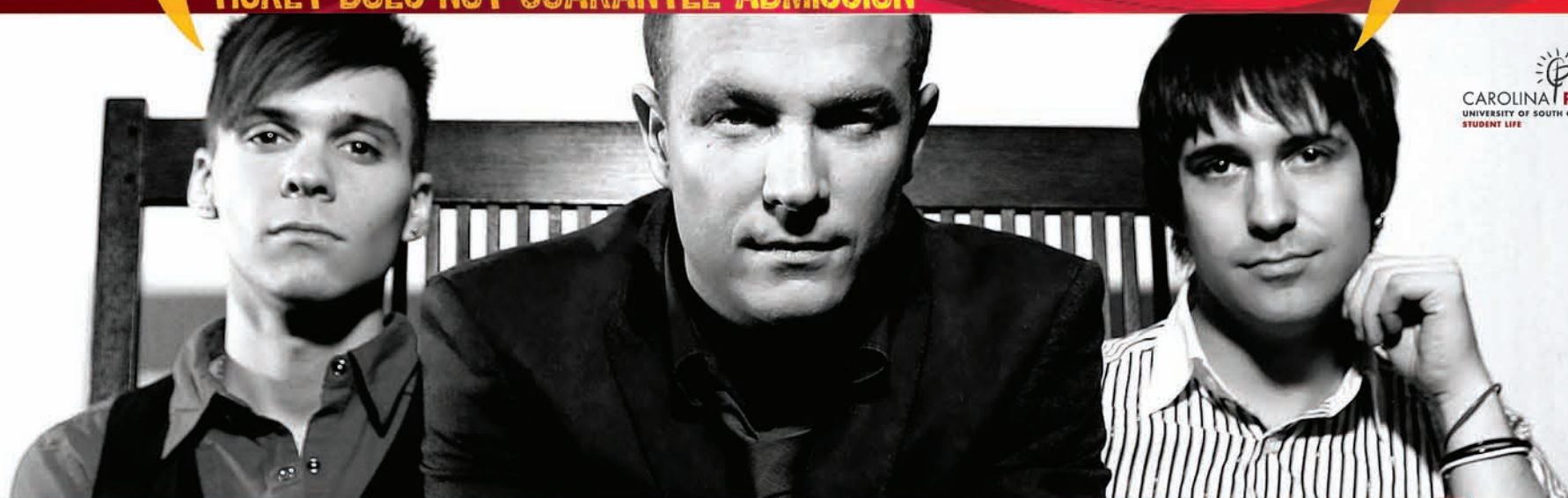
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AIG misused bailout funds for bonuses

Spending taxpayer money on employees only increases anger with government

The news story that dominated most of the Sunday morning talk shows and the front page of national newspapers centered on the use of \$165 million of government bailout money by AIG to fund bonuses for employees, including the executives responsible for the near collapse of the company.

This irresponsible use of taxpayer money will increase anger that many taxpayers

feel toward the Wall Street businesses after the federal government loaned \$170 billion to AIG. It is absolutely ridiculous for the AIG executives to give themselves and other employees huge bonuses, especially after bringing the company and the economy to a near failure.

I understand that AIG is a private company and the federal government should have little role in the private sector, but AIG's business is the government's business now that 80 percent of the company was purchased with taxpayer money.

AIG claims that they are contractually obligated to pay these huge bonuses because they signed deals before the near collapse. That may be the case, but the government did purchase 80 percent of the company, and after the bailout, all contracts relating to the bonuses should have been voided. Executives claim that the bonuses are used to attract and keep the best talent, but didn't that talent contribute to their failure? Why give a bonus to an employee that should be fired? With this kind of logic, it makes perfect sense that the executives at AIG ran the company into the ground. Instead of running a sound business, they decided to pay huge sums of money to kids fresh out of Ivy League schools and to executives lining their pockets for retirement.

AIG's logic makes no sense at all, and as a taxpayer, I am outraged that the federal government will not do anything about this. The Obama administration has sounded its disapproval with the way AIG is doing business, but will they do anything about it? If President Obama and Congress sit on their hands and allow AIG and the other companies to give out lavish bonuses after getting significant bailout money, they will lose all credibility with the taxpayers. By owning 80 percent of the company, the federal government should have a much bigger influence in the company rather than whining on Sunday morning talk shows.

So I ask for you to call your representative, send an e-mail or mail a letter expressing your disapproval with the lack of action on this matter. Yeah, it may seem pointless at first, but if this gets enough attention, it may mean that some senators or representatives could lose their re-election if they choose to continue to do nothing. We as citizens are the ones that should keep them accountable for their actions with our money. After all, this wasn't the type of change that we signed up for during the November elections.



**BUDDY BALLEW**  
Second-year biology student



PLEADING THE FIRST

Activists teach civic lessons

NYC protesters take public action, challenge others to step up

Ah, the peace symbol: once a defiant symbol of a fed-up generation boiling with righteous indignation, now a kitschy marketing tool to stamp on handbags, jewelry and T-shirts.

Or so I thought. That was until March 8 in New York City, when I met a group of renegades who changed my views on activism altogether.

That morning in Central Park, we had stopped at Strawberry Fields, a memorial in Central Park to John Lennon, where somebody had arranged flowers and strawberries over the circular monument stone in the shape of a peace symbol. I remember scoffing at something I thought had been rendered obsolete by overuse.

At the center of the monument was engraved the lone word "IMAGINE." I'll admit I had a hard time imagining. In light of the

fire with which people like Lennon spoke, my generation seemed to pale with apathy.

What, after all, has become of student activism? What sort of protests do we mount? For most of us, civic duty goes as far as voting for the president. Maybe we join a few Facebook groups about important-sounding issues after researching them for three minutes on Wikipedia.

Heaven forbid we wrap our minds around local politics. Heaven forbid we speak up outside the bounds of imaginary online networks.

But the people I met that afternoon took quite a few steps beyond where most of us would be comfortable. My friends and I spotted them across the street as we were entering a subway station. They were marching down the sidewalk carrying a wide variety of picket signs, and a police escort tailed them closely. Near the front of the crowd, a man pounded on a drum atop a shopping cart while a woman screamed slogans until she was hoarse.

These people had opinions about everything. Their signs revealed a broad spectrum of seemingly unrelated stances: anti-war,

pro-Palestine, anti-bailout, pro-immigrant rights, anti-student debt, and on and on.

With nothing planned for the afternoon, we joined the march. I could support at least a couple of their causes, and I was itching to know what all this meant.

They told me it was International Working Women's Day (I sheepishly pretended I knew this already) and explained that all these issues were ones for which women around the world were standing up.

It seemed like a loose connection at best. Still, I admired their chutzpah — and they had free dinner — so we stuck with them as they entered their headquarters, six stories up in a room full of posters of Che Guevara, Fidel Castro and Vladimir Lenin.

At the meeting, I found most of their views hard to swallow. But one thing was undeniable: These people cared.

Back home, I'm challenged by my experience with these people. What, after all, is my cause? And what am I doing to advance it?

This country is ours. It does not belong to the government; the government belongs to us. Let's act accordingly.

New Facebook gives scare

Twitter-like features make stalking easier than ever before

You want to hear something scary? Even though I may not have seen you since our freshman year of high school, or have only met you a few times through a mutual friend or maybe have only recognized your name through shared organizations, I can potentially know almost everything you are doing when you do it.

When you sleep or go to the gym, what you did over the weekend, which place at Russell House you have decided to use your last Bonus Bucks for dinner. I can see what you do, where you do it and when.

It sounds like something out of a science fiction movie, and yet most of us have given in to the digital community that has pulled us into a stalker's dream.

And I have to admit I've

given in. While Facebook statuses crept me out when New Facebook came out and disrupted our lives, I eventually started filling out the little line of text available to me.

Most of you have probably heard of Twitter by now. I finally had to find out what it was a few weeks ago when the new verbs "tweeting" and "twittering" started coming out of the mouths of professors who can't even work Blackboard.

Twitter is a little much for me. It's nothing but a list of who does what, when and where. I used to get tired of my cell phone, never getting a chance to really be separate from the world. Now, the connectedness of cell phones meets a whole new level. Twitter doesn't have that "maintenance of contacts and connections" value of Facebook and such — because you know you gave up Facebook for Lent because of its productive value.

You know how people call dating legal prostitution? The whole point of Twitter, I have discovered, is legal stalking.

And now we return from Spring Break to discover the Twitter Facebook

(termed "TwitterBook" by a colleague). The main page, as I'm sure you saw about 72 hours ago, is a simple stream of what your friends are up to. Not your messages or your updates, not friends' requests or wall posts, but status updates. Possibly the creepiest and most ridiculous Facebook tool has taken over my awful online addiction.

We have MySpaces, Facebooks, Twitters — multiple feeds with the same purpose: to share pointless information with people who only read it for something to do. They can't log in to one? No worries. There are dozens of other outlets to let them know that you are studying in the third cubicle from the left on the third floor of Thomas Cooper Library, pulling an all-nighter alone to study for your international studies exam that starts at 8 a.m.

Don't we miss our privacy? Don't we miss not knowing every detail about everyone's life? While these online community sites take over my procrastination time as much as the next person's, this latest Facebook change was a wake-up call.

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IN OUR OPINION

Anti-Sanford ad shows misguided intentions

As if Gov. Mark Sanford hasn't already been getting enough press lately, the Democrats are piling it on.

Sanford's adamant refusal to accept stimulus funds has thrust him into the national spotlight. Today, the Democratic National Committee will start running a 30-second cable spot that criticizes Sanford for "playing politics instead of doing what's right."

“He’s the kind of governor who might be keeping a veto tally on his bedroom wall.”

While the governor has denied he's made a political move — citing debt woes as his motivation — it is possible he's enjoying his time at center stage. Even still, can the DNC really point fingers when it comes to "playing politics?" What could be

more of a political ploy than an attack ad? Aside from the hypocrisy, the actual usefulness of this campaign has to be questioned. For one thing, Sanford is a contrary man. He's the kind of governor who might be keeping a veto tally on his bedroom wall. The ads will probably do little more than add fire to his belly.

Besides, if the Democrats really want to effect change in the state, the arena in which to do it is the State House. Leave it to the senators and representatives to duke this one out. The next gubernatorial election isn't coming soon, so if the DNC wants to bash the incumbent, they should at least wait a few years.

As Gov. Sanford continues to make himself into a laughingstock or a hero (depending on whom you ask), let's take an honest look at his ideas. Turn off the TV and do your research.

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 26 issue, Mary Catalanotto's name was misspelled. The Daily Gamecock regrets this error.

If you see an error in today's paper, we want to know about it. E-mail us at [sagckvew@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sagckvew@mailbox.sc.edu).

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# Five Points hosts annual festival

**St. Pat's celebration,  
concerts draw crowds,  
despite dismal weather**

Ellen Meder  
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

Columbia's residents decided that green means go, rain or shine Saturday. The annual St. Pat's in Five Points festival drew crowds of approximately 20,000 people to the blocked off area from Blossom Street to College Street despite a steady mist and temperatures in the lower 40s.

Though the turn out was only half of the 40,000 the celebration's organizers hoped to draw according to the Five Points Association Web site, the crowd seemed not to mind. The children's carnival as well as the “Shagging on the Santee” event were among the areas that had visibly minimal turnout as a result of the fairly dismal weather.

Many USC students flocked to event as the culmination to spring break. Nicole Barretta, a second-year visual communications student, attended St. Pat's in Five Points for the first time, despite the dreary day.

“I just got back from Mexico and the 85-degree weather and I came back to 40 degrees,” Barretta said. “There's a lot of stuff going on, but I really just wish it was nicer weather.”

For the most part, the revelers that did attend the Irish holiday's festivities seemed unfazed by the gray cloud cover, donning

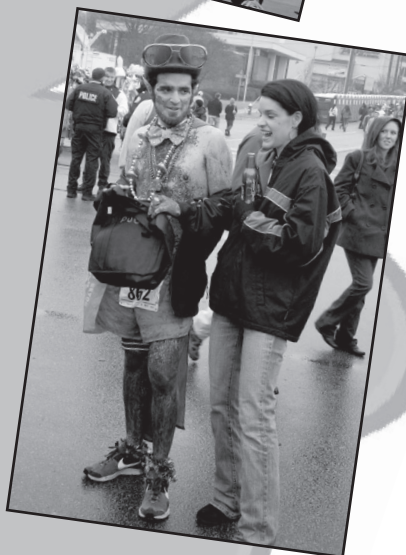
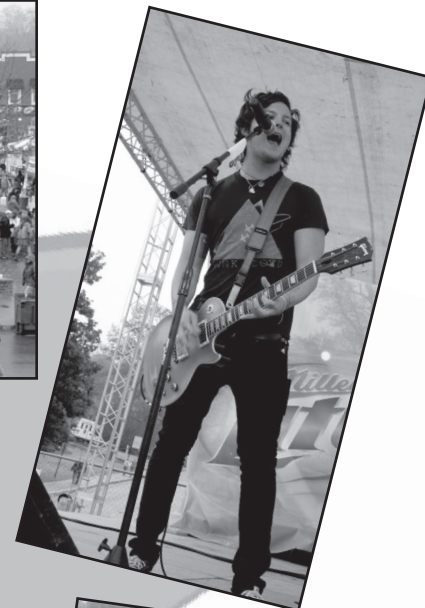
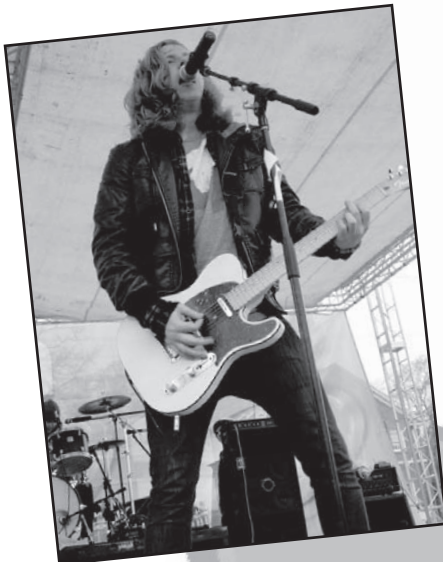
garments in every shade of green, kilts and an array of wild hats and wigs, beer and shamrock shaped glasses and hundreds of strands of green beads. Other than the bars and Budweiser-sponsored beer stands that “Over 21” wristbands enabled-of-age festival goers to access, the numerous State Fair-style food booths offered everything from oversized turkey legs to funnel cakes and homemade Mac-and-cheese.

However, the biggest attractions for the festival were easily the nearly 30 bands that played on five different stages throughout the course of the afternoon.

Local favorites, including The Heist & The Accomplice, Hot Lava Monster, Marry A Thief and Josh Roberts & The Hinges, represented the Columbia music scene with their typical pizzazz and enthusiasm from their avid fans.

The Movement, a Sublime-reminiscent reggae band from Philadelphia certainly inspired a stir of dancing and swaying from the crowd. Later, Seven Nations, a Celtic rock band from Orlando, caused a spontaneous smattering of Gaelic jigging with their festive, yet skillful, bagpipes and fiddle.

Mute Math, one of the two big-name acts, opened their set with their most popular song “Typical” off of their 2006 self-titled album. The prog/indie rockers from New Orleans rocked an avid audience with electronic rhythms and the amazing stage presence of lead singer and keyboardist Paul Meany.



Alan Tauber / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

From top left, clockwise: We The Kings lead singer Travis Clark; The St. Pat's celebration transformed Five Points, even the famous fountain; Hunter Thomsen, the We The Kings guitarist suffered through numb fingers to put on an energetic show; A participant in the Get to the Green 5K covered himself in green, head to toe; Mute Math drew large crowds at the Free Times Stage; Singer/keyboardist Paul Meany and guitarist Greg Hill of Mute Math; Meany gets into his performance with a crowd-approved jump.

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Courtesy of MCT Campus

From left, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Malin Akerman, Billy Crudup, Matthew Goode, Patrick Wilson, and Jackie Earle Haley, star in Zack Snyder's new action adventure “Watchmen.”

## Don't watch the ‘Watchmen’

### Watchmen

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**Graph novel adaptation sticks too closely to original,  
leaving visual style flat, disjointed, uninspired**

Jimmy Gilmore  
STAFF WRITER

Zack Snyder's “Watchmen,” an adaptation of the acclaimed graphic novel by Dave Gibbons and Alan Moore, opens up a whole can of worms in its devout stylistic adherence to the original work.

Snyder, who previously helmed the tedious action-epic “300,” asks if a film aesthetic merges with a comic book aesthetic. But the more important and unasked question seems to be, “Should it?”

While “Watchmen” strives to be a giant deconstruction act, questioning the very nature of masked crime fighters,

their morality and their humanity, it's undone by a bloated aesthetic that feels more like a failed experiment than an organic film.

In an alternate 1985, the world is on the brink of nuclear war, Nixon is in his fifth term and “superheroes,” now outlawed, have been part of history for decades.

But when The Comedian (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), an aging crime fighter, is brutally murdered, paranoid Rorschach (Jackie Earle Haley) takes up his own investigation.

In a plot with no less than six major characters, dozens of flashbacks and more than a handful of subplots, the biggest initial problem is the pacing and structure of the film. There's not much balance among the disparate elements, making thematic underlines feel too tangential.

“Watchmen” starts with relative promise as a genre deconstruction, a conspiracy neo-noir and a study on the dislocation of humanity. All these promises never feel fulfilled, receding into the background as the film becomes cluttered and loses strength. Even at close to three hours, some individual lines of action don't feel creatively realized.

But “Watchmen” drowns in its own suffocating visual style. The recreation of individual frames and sequences from the graphic novel may inspire applause from some, but it renders the filmic space flat. How “visionary” can Snyder be regarded if his vision is always utterly at the mercy of the original work?

And while it may seem almost contradictory, the film's

points of departure are its weakest. The droll, repetitive action sequences feel poorly photographed and severely overcooked, dripping in whiplash slow motion that reduces time and space to the appearance of a comic panel for no reason other than flair.

These aggressively violent sequences revel in spurts of blood and crunches of bone. Amplified sound effects and slow motion focus on brutal gore; the sheer excess makes it hard to see “Watchmen” as very critical of its violence, as the story may otherwise suggest.

Yet there are bright spots amidst the incongruity. Jackie Earle Haley fascinates as Rorschach, emanating ferocity beneath his ever-changing mask. And Billy Crudup as Dr. Manhattan, a blue giant with the power and curse to understand all matter, creates empathy in a difficult character with the help of gorgeous CGI.

By trying to cram in as much as possible, “Watchmen” ultimately shuts itself out from being anything more than a curiosity. It's a meandering, disjointed film that panders to the fans, as if winning their approval through a magnitude of fidelity were more important than making a dramatically consistent picture.

Recreation only goes so far, and Snyder's clear directorial ineptitude continually undermines his efforts. There's no other explanation for how a supposedly mature work could feel so amateurish.

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# Three arrested, six injured at NYC ‘Top Model’ tryout

Audition closed after brawl erupts between potential contestants

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three people were arrested and six others hurt Saturday after bedlam broke out while they waited to audition for “America’s Next Top Model,” police said.

Police didn’t know what prompted the chaos involving hundreds of people outside the Park Central New York hotel in Manhattan. The panic left the street outside the hotel littered with shoes and clothing, according to news reports.

“It was pretty scary,” Jessica Paravati told WNYW-TV. She said she was caught up in a stampede after waiting in line overnight, hoping for a shot at stardom on the reality show.

Two women and a man were arrested on disorderly conduct charges, police said. Authorities also shut down the audition, saying it wasn’t



Peter Kramer / The Associated Press

“America’s Next Top Model,” created, hosted and produced by Tyra Banks, is in its 12th season.

properly organized.

Four injured people declined treatment, while two others were taken to a hospital, the fire department said. Their conditions weren’t immediately available.

The hotel’s phone rang unanswered. Representatives for The CW Network, which airs the show, released a statement saying it was working with authorities investigating the incident.

The model competition is hosted by supermodel Tyra Banks, who also serves as its executive producer. The current season began March 4.

Her agent and publicist

didn’t immediately return telephone calls.

Banks has said she created the show to counter stereotypes about beauty, and Saturday’s auditions were open only to women no taller than 5-foot-7, which is shorter than the industry’s conventions.

Tryouts also were being held this month around the country, including in Dallas, Chicago and Los Angeles.

At least one would-be contestant in the New York throng said the tumult wouldn’t stop her from trying again.

“This is my dream, so I’m not going to give up,” Gifty Asika told WNBC-TV.

# ‘WITCH MOUNTAIN’ RACES TO TOP SPOT

Dwayne Johnson film grosses \$18.1 million in second week

Derrick J. Lang  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Disney’s “Race to Witch Mountain” raced to No. 1 at the weekend box office, bypassing expectations with \$25 million in ticket sales.

The PG-rated sci-fi flick starring Dwayne Johnson as a cab driver with a pair of alien teenagers along for the ride topped the R-rated superhero epic “Watchmen,” which earned \$18.1 million in its second week.

Mark Zoradi, president of Disney’s motion-picture group, said analysts had predicted that “Race to Witch Mountain,” director Andy Fickman’s re-imagining of the 1975 live-action film “Escape to Witch Mountain,” would fly away with \$20 million or less. Now he expects this “Witch Mountain” to maintain a high orbit in theaters with kids on spring break.

“I think audiences this weekend were really drawn to the action adventure of ‘Race to Witch Mountain,’” said Zoradi. “There was also this element of parents over 30 who remembered the original and were drawn to this one, so I think that combination is what helped us exceed what folks in the industry thought this movie was going to do.”

Ticket sales for “Watchmen” plummeted 67 percent from last weekend’s \$55.2 million debut, according to studio estimates Sunday. Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros. executive vice president of distribution, said the studio anticipated the big dip for director Zack Snyder’s comic book adaptation about a team of subversive superheroes.

“It’s very common with higher profile, highly anticipated movies,” said Goldstein.

Also opening this weekend in wide release were “The Last House on the Left,” the Universal horror remake, which turned up at No. 3 with \$14.7 million in ticket sales, and “Miss March,”

the Fox Atomic comedy in the No. 10 spot with \$2.4 million. 20th Century Fox’s thriller “Taken” remained at No. 4 with \$6.7 million in its seventh weekend in theaters.

Factoring in 2009’s higher admission prices, the weekend box office total was down 16 percent compared with last year, making it the first down weekend in six weeks. Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Media By Numbers, does not believe the shift signals the end of 2009’s otherwise stellar year at the box office.

“I don’t think this down weekend reflects any kind of lack of interest by the audience,” Dergarabedian said. “I think it has to do with ‘Dr. Seuss’ Horton Hears a Who’ opening a year ago with \$45 million. That’s really a tough comparison. Not every weekend this year is going to be up when you have some strong openings like that from last year.”

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released Monday.

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5. "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail," \$5.1 million

6. "Slumdog Millionaire," \$5 million

7. "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," \$3.1 million

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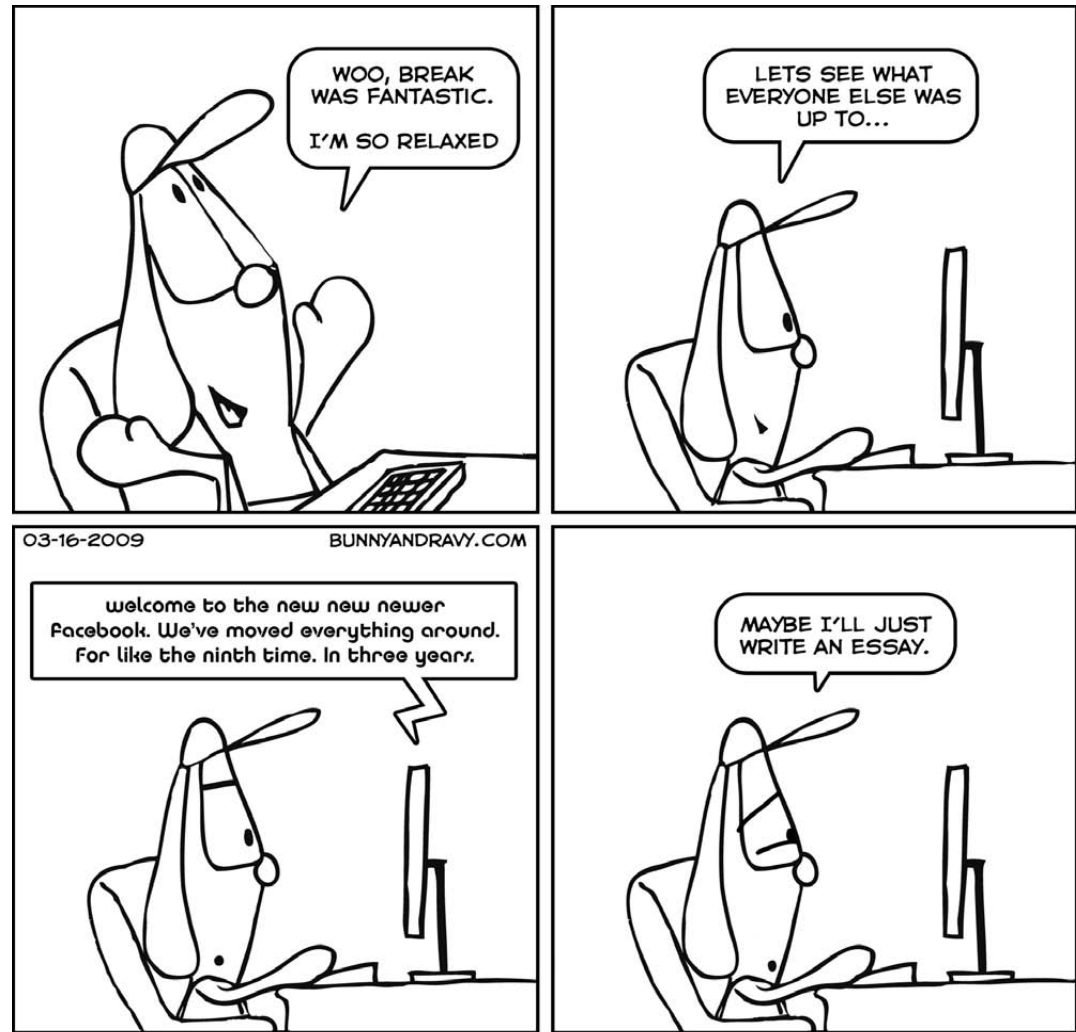
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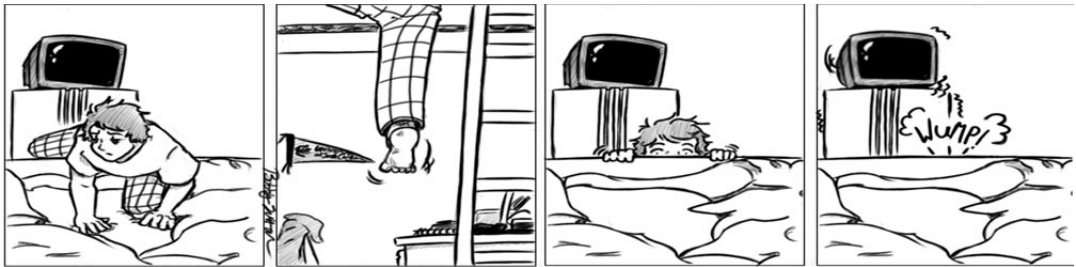
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**TAURUS** Hold off on new expenditures until you have more figured out. It's nice to know what you need, but first find out where the money's coming from.

**GEMINI** Let your representative argue your case. Watch to see which way the game's going. Learn just as much as you can.

**CANCER** Odds are good you'd just as soon sleep late this morning. If you can, congratulations. Hope you're with someone you love. If not, don't complain.

**LEO** Follow through on a project that you've already begun. Hold off on new ones now. Besides, you still don't even know how much this is going to cost.

**VIRGO** Making even minor changes disrupts the normal routine. Don't be surprised if you hear complaints from others. Be willing to make adjustments.

**LIBRA** Go back to the drawing board for a while. Your plans need a revision. Don't race boldly ahead.

**SCORPIO** You'll encounter more difficulties as the day progresses. Mostly, it has to do with money. There are likely to be hidden expenses.

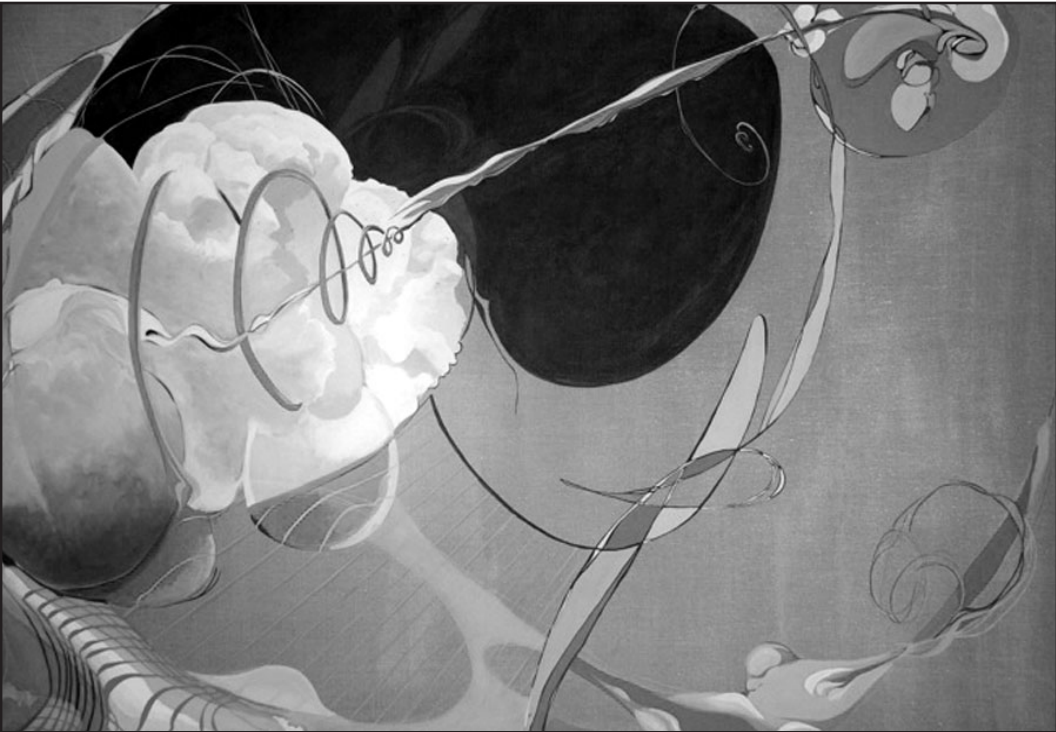
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**CAPRICORN** Before you make changes to your routine, think it over for a while. The option you pick makes a huge difference in what happens.

**AQUARIUS** You've favorably impressed a wealthy person, and that's always nice. If you make a big deal of it, your patron could change his or her mind.

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# ONE AND DONE

**Carolina basketball falls off in second half makes exit in first round of SEC Tournament**

Chris Cox  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Tampa, Fla. — The South Carolina Gamecocks 21-9 (10-6) were defeated Friday afternoon by the Mississippi State Bulldogs 21-12 (9-7) by a score of 82-68, prematurely ending the Gamecocks hopes to win an SEC Tournament title.

USC, regular season SEC Eastern Division Co-Champions, were coming off a bye in the first-round as a number two seed, while Mississippi State had just come off of a 79-60 defeat of Georgia a day earlier.

The contest featured two seemingly separate performances from the Gamecocks from one half to the other. USC led at halftime 36-32, but was unable to hold onto it as the Bulldogs took the lead and the momentum with 14:57 remaining in the second half.

“One of the things that was important to us heading into this game was getting off to a good start, playing with a lot of energy, and defensive intensity,” USC coach Darrin Horn said. “I thought our guys did a terrific job of that.”

The score stayed close for nearly the entire game, as only three lead changes and four ties spread throughout the duration.

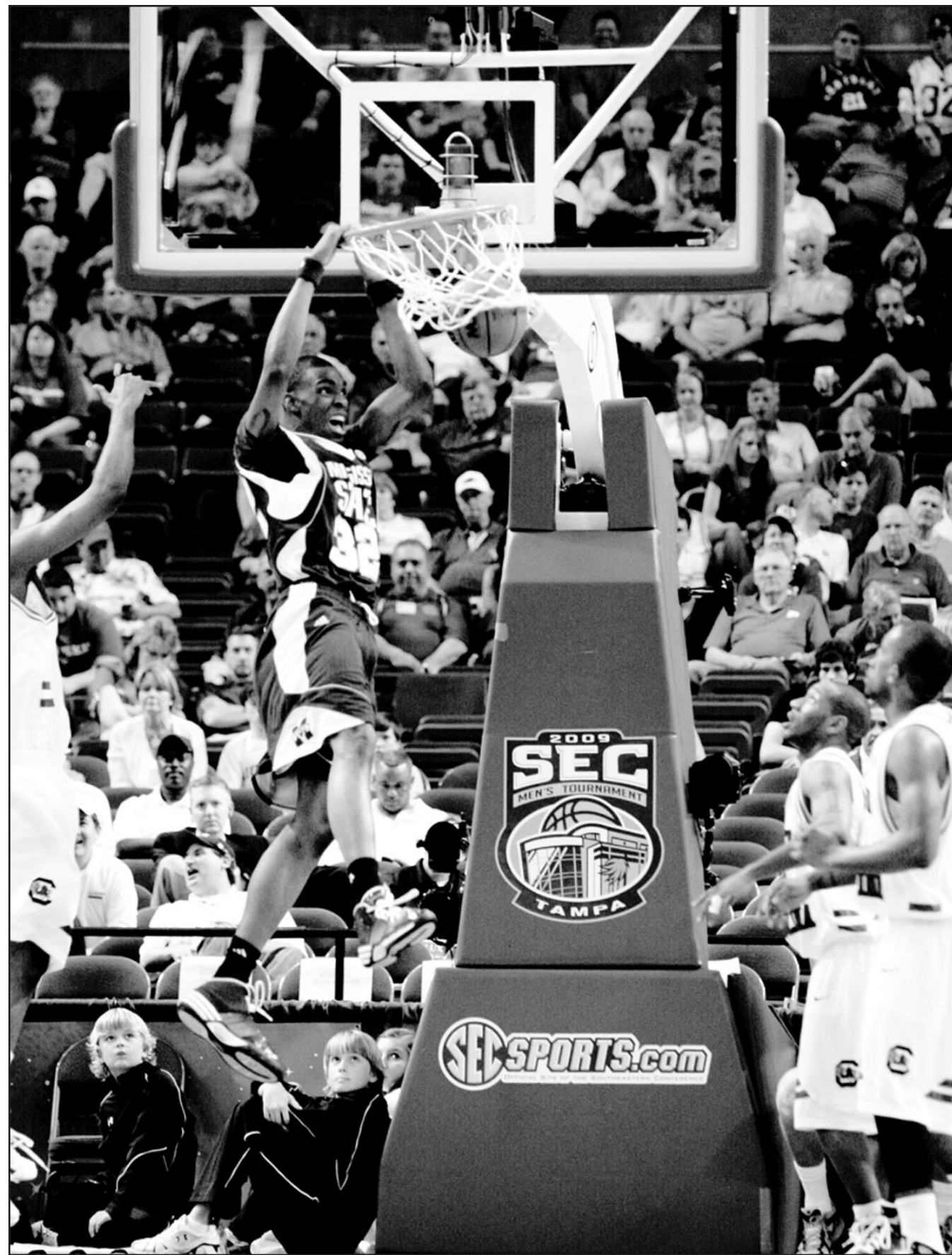
Mississippi State finally pulled away with close to three minutes to go in the game, as the Bulldogs stretched a four-point lead into a nine point advantage in a little over a minute’s time.

“In the second half we let them get loose for a few threes and we went through some periods where we weren’t as good offensively. They were able to get the lead. Down the stretch [we] couldn’t get anything to go down when we needed them to,” Horn said.

The Gamecocks shot a season-low 35.5 percent (27-of-76) from the field, as they desperately tried to comeback in the second half, but their shots were not falling. USC missed 11 shots in the final 3:30 minutes of the game.

MSU shot far better from the field, hitting 46.6 percent of their shots from the field, including 55.6 percent in the second half. The Bulldogs were led by guard Barry Stewart, who led all scorers with 21 points.

“[Stewart] got his confidence up. Next thing you know he was getting step backs. The few shots he hit were just tough shots. He stepped up and made big shots,” USC guard Devan



Kara Roache / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

**Mississippi State forward Jarvis Varnado scores two easy points against Carolina’s defense in Friday’s game.**

Downey said.

Horn agreed with Downey’s assessment of Mississippi State’s star guard.

“One of the great things about tournament time is sometimes, with all things being equal, both teams doing what they want to do well, it comes down to making shots,” Horn said. “I think that [Stewart], maybe more so than anybody on the team,

made some really tough ones and in important times during the game.”

The guard play led the Gamecock’s offensively, with Zam Fredrick scoring 20 points to lead the Gamecocks, and forward Dominique Archie followed with 16.

Downey was obviously off his usual game Friday, evidenced by his poor shooting from the field (5-for-20), including one of seven from three

point range.

The loss ended the Gamecocks short run in the SEC Tournament and their hopes for an NCAA Tournament bid. Mississippi State advanced to win the tournament and earn a 13 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

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## Carolina misses NCAA, gets NIT bid

*Horn disappointed about getting snubbed; still excited for team to get shot at playing in late March*

Michael Aguilar  
SPORTS EDITOR

When the final buzzer sounded during USC’s game against Mississippi State last Friday it ended South Carolina’s hope for winning an SEC title. What most fans did not realize what that it also ended the Gamecocks hopes for getting to the NCAA tournament.

After learning that his team missed the Big Dance, USC coach Darrin Horn spoke with the media via teleconference and was certainly disappointed in the NCAA selection committee’s decision to leave his team out in the cold.

“Obviously we’re disappointed,” Horn said. “More so for our players, specifically Zam (Fredrick) and Branden (Conrad) because they won’t get another chance. This team has accomplished an awful lot this year and exceeded a lot of expectations. History would tell you that if you’re 10-6 in the SEC and a divisional co-champ that there’s a great possibility that you’ll get to play in the tournament, that obviously wasn’t the case this year.”

While Horn expressed disappointment, he still had some sort of a positive outlook on the fact that his team was still getting a shot to prove their worth on the court. Carolina received a bid from the NIT for a No. 3 seed and an opportunity to play No. 6 seed Davidson on the basketball court on the same day the baseball team meets Davidson on the diamond.

The Gamecocks have a strong history in the NIT, an overall record of 21-8 and are the winningest team in the SEC in the tournament, which Horn hopes they will continue.

“We’re excited to play,” Horn said. “The postseason is a step. We were close to being in the NCAA and won a few more than people anticipated and were in the discussion. The bottom line is we’re a 20-plus-win team with some postseason coming and that’s progress for our program.”

Although he is excited about USC’s opportunity in the NIT he expressed plenty of resentment that Carolina was skipped over for a bid to the NCAA tournament.

“I think it is what it is at this point,” Horn said. “I think the challenge with all of the automatic bids with some of the leagues is that the 65 best teams are not going but we all know what the system is. So, regardless of



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**USC coach Darrin Horn shouts instructions from the sideline during Carolina’s 82-68 loss to Miss. State during the SEC Tournament.**

where you are you have to understand that. Again that’s the thing that’s a little disappointing about our situation.”

It certainly is a rare situation to have a major conference divisional co-champion completely miss the NCAA altogether. Horn was certainly surprised by his team’s position and the fact that it missed the tournament.

“If you told me this time last season that in a year, ‘You’d be 10-6, coaching an SEC team with the number of wins that we had, pretty consistent throughout the year, no terrible losses, and that you weren’t going to get in and apparently you weren’t even on the board,’ I’d be surprised by that,” Horn said.

Horn mostly stressed the fact that the SEC received so little respect

*Gamecocks should enjoy NIT chance*

*Any postseason basketball better than none, fans should appreciate bid*

I can hear the chants now. “We’re 66! We’re 66!”

Once again the Gamecocks have missed the NCAA tournament field and this year it was by the slimmest of margins. There are millions

of scenarios that USC fans can play out through their minds in which their beloved team could have made the Big Dance.

But it was not to be. First year coach Darrin Horn

and his players are out in the cold left to carry on what has become a tradition of pretty good mediocrity for USC. Carolina has been to and won the NIT Final more times than any other team.

This year Gamecock fans can once again hope to be the most talented team that didn’t really matter. The best of the rest.

That could be the attitude that the Carolina nation takes into its NIT run. That could be it or it could be something much better.

That attitude could be changed to keep one fact in mind. Only two teams in Division I basketball finish their seasons with a win, the National Champion and the NIT Champion.

The NCAA tournament is what really matters. There is no question about that. As of now there are only 65 teams that have a shot at eternal glory. Those teams are the only ones that could possibly be remembered by anyone 50 years or even 50 days after the season is over.

Nevertheless there are undeniable benefits, aside from the moral victory, for winning the NIT tournament.

There is the extra television time. Although much of the NIT is not televised and the games that are televised seem to only be found on ESPN “The Ocho” or some similar channel there is still a level of publicity with them that is much better than not playing at all.

Any postseason publicity is good publicity. It doesn’t take the world’s brightest recruit to figure out that the later you play into March the more people who are watching. There is no doubt that the NIT presents a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills while there is little else happening in the college basketball world.

If the Gamecocks were to make it into the semifinals of the NIT there would only be eight Division I teams playing basketball. That’s a showcase among showcases. Once again, the fact that four of those eight teams are competing for a national championship and four are competing for the NIT Championship makes a huge difference. However, one cannot overstate the importance of being one of those teams still playing for anything.

While many are disappointed that the Gamecocks are once again relegated to a tournament that does not mean much of anything, it should be kept in the forefront of USC fans’ minds that it does mean something.



# CAROLINA BASEBALL SPRING BREAK

While their classmates laid around on beaches the USC baseball players were busy with nine games over break

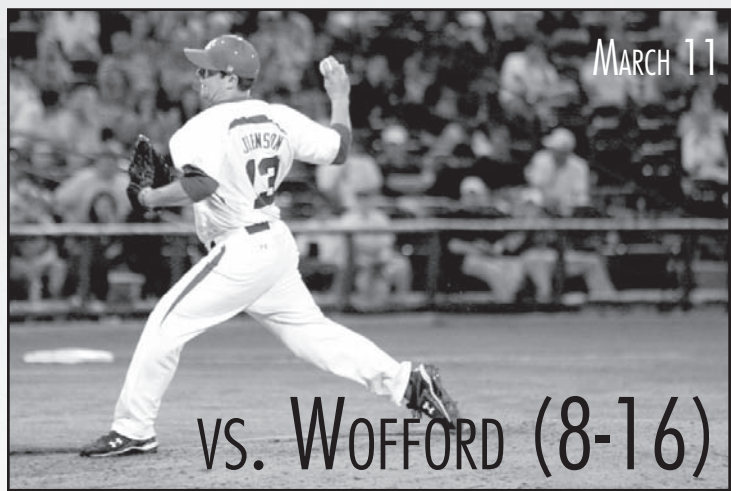
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MARCH 6-8  
VS. LONG BEACH (2 WINS, 1 LOSS)

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The Gamecocks began their Spring Break by welcoming West Coast powerhouse Long Beach State to Carolina Stadium. USC won its first two games handily but missed a comeback opportunity on Sunday as the Dirtbags put together a lead that was just a little bit too big for USC to overcome.



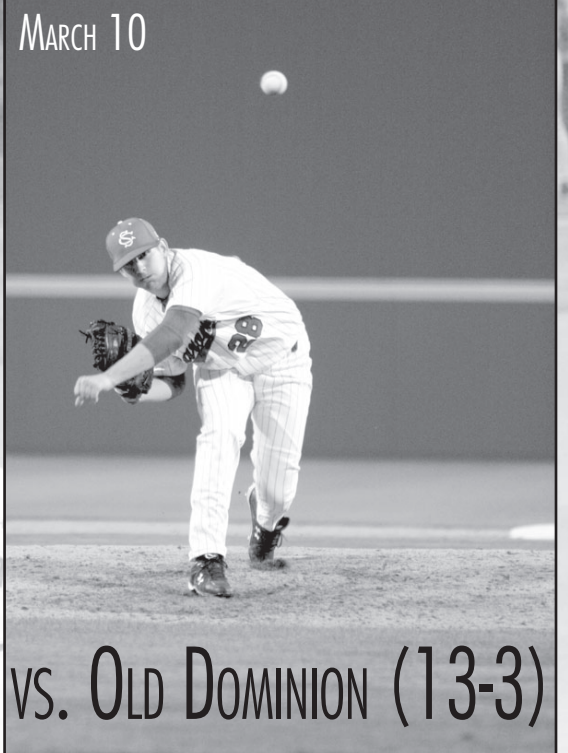
MARCH 11  
VS. WOFFORD (8-16)

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The Gamecocks displayed some very poor timing against instate rival Wofford. USC hit a season five home runs but two of them were solo homers. The Terriers posted seven runs in the final two innings to hand USC its biggest loss of the season.

MARCH 9  
VS. PRESBYTERIAN (6-5)

USC responded well after its first loss of the season to LBSU. Carolina erased a two-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning on the back of Jeffery Jones' two-out RBI base hit. Freshman pitcher Michael Roth came in for relief on the mound and pitched three scoreless innings to prevent the Blue Hose from stealing one from the Gamecocks.



MARCH 10  
VS. OLD DOMINION (13-3)

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The Gamecocks dominated Old Dominion behind a strong pitching outing by the USC pitching staff. USC had given up 15 runs in its last two outings but allowed less than half that many hits last Tuesday. The offense also exploded for its best outing since the first game against Long Beach State. Junior outfielder DeAngelo Mack, senior infielder Andrew Crisp and junior catcher Justin Dalles all had multi-hit games to lead the Gamecock bats to their second best performance of the season.

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this year through the media that it had a definite effect on Carolina's postseason hopes.

"I don't think that there's any question that [the perception of the SEC being weaker than usual] started way back in October," Horn said. "People nationally were talking about [the SEC] being down and there's no question that when your perceived power teams are not at their best, then it's going to hurt the rest of the league."

Horn was quick to point the finger around the NCAA bracket and find a team that he think personified some of the mistakes that were made in the selection process.

"I think Maryland's entry into the tournament is a great example [of league bias in selection]," Horn said. "They say that it's not about league but here's a team that was not .500 in their league, in fact two games below .500, and got beat by 30 points plus a couple of times but got credit for who they beat in their league. I don't know all the numbers and have not been in the league but our league champion

just got an 8 seed and Tennessee got a 9 [seed] and our tournament champion got a 13 [seed] and those are some pretty intriguing numbers for the SEC."

With the selection controversy aside, Horn is looking forward to playing Davidson and getting more opportunities to see his team improve.

"This is something that

we're excited about and looking to build on," Horn said.

The Gamecocks tip-off against Davidson at the Colonial Life Arena on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

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It definitely means something to the players and, by extension, it should mean something to the people that

profess to be fans of those players. Sure, it's easy to focus on how the Gamecocks may have been snubbed from the NCAA tournament (they weren't) or how the NIT is a

waste of everyone's time.

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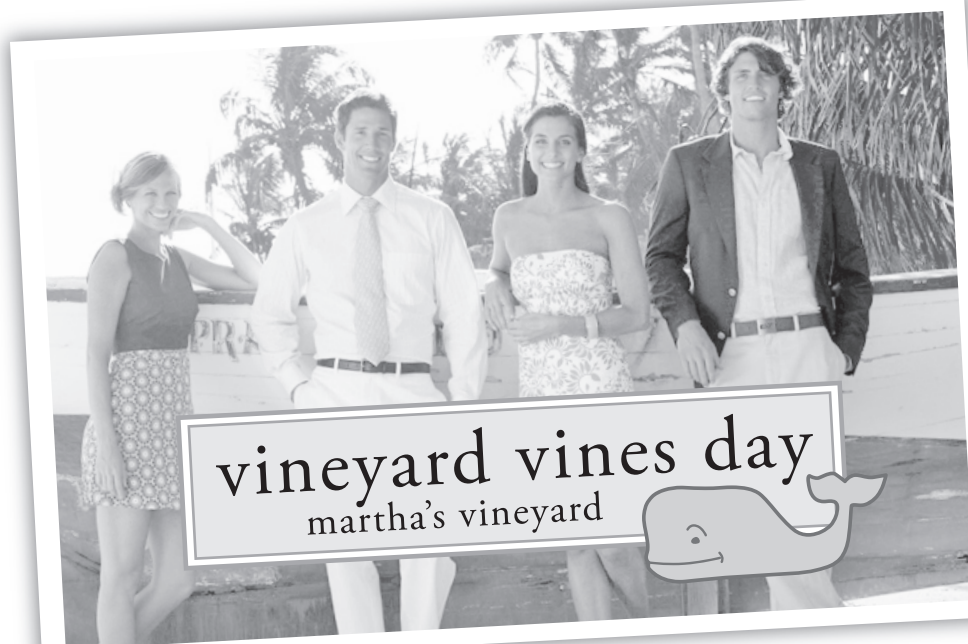
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